



19 June 2009

The Honorable Phil Andrews, President  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

**RE: Amendment to Chapter 33A, Planning Procedures – Master Plan Process – Public Hearing Timing Period**

Dear President Andrews:

The Town of Garrett Park opposes the proposed Amendment to Chapter 33A that would affect the period within which the public could be heard with respect to Master Plan proposals. The amendment significantly curtails the ability of citizens to register views on important issues that affect them.

The Town of Garrett Park is adjacent to the area proposed for intensive development in the White Flint Sector Plan. Although the Town is not technically within the borders of the sector, the residents of Garrett Park are rightly concerned that the magnitude of development proposed for White Flint will have inevitable effects on the Town, most notably in the impact of vastly increased traffic.

We believe it is in the best interest of the planning process to allow interested communities sufficient time to review the material, schedule community meetings, and draft cogent testimony for the benefit of the Council. With respect to the White Flint Sector Plan, we recognize that there are complex issues revolving around the balance between density and infrastructure, financing, schools, and compatibility with our existing communities. We look forward to participating in the process after having carefully reviewed the highly detailed Sector Plan.

On behalf of the citizens of Garrett Park, and with the concurrence of the Town Council, I ask your support for maintaining the existing public participation process.

Sincerely,

Christopher W. Keller, Mayor  
Town of Garrett Park